going to do? What is twenty years time to a young man like you, that you should lose heart like this ? Do your term like a man and go back to your country; wouldn't that be much better than dying here in your shame ? 1 under* stand your troubles full well; excessive hard manual labour, seems to me, to have been the cause of all this; but you know, 1 am a Govern- ment servant and the Government order is, to put you to hard labour always, never to take you out of it. I am sorry I cannot do anything for you in matters relating to your labour; but then, there is one thing that I can do for you, which I think will get you out of your troubles to a great extent and that is, to send you to the lunatic asylum. There is a lunatic asylum in the Andamans, meant for the demented crimi- nals here; if you like, I can send you there and in my opinion, you will do well to go to that place. There will be no compulsory labour for you and you will be at your liberty more *3T* less to do whatever work you choose; or you nntay even sit quiet if you like and no one will

molest you there.**
This was just the thing I needed and so accepted his proposal most gladly. The very